

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A control device for controlling components of a building, comprising:

control means for changing a configuration of at least one component of components making up said building; [[and]]

acquiring means for acquiring status information[[,]]; and

determining means for determining an importance of said status information acquired by said acquiring means,

wherein, based on said importance of said status information acquired by said acquiring means, said control means physically deforms a shape of a shape-variable member disposed in said building[[,]] or ~~control~~ controls power supply to an electric socket disposed in said building to physically change said configuration.

Claim 2 (Canceled).

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): The control device according to claim 1, wherein said status information includes information indicating at least one of a status of a person present in said component, illumination in said component, temperature in said component, volume in said component, information to be transmitted by broadcasting, and point-in-time.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): The control device according to claim 1, further comprising status information storing means for storing a list relating to said status information.

Claim 5 (Withdrawn): The control device according to claim 1, wherein said shape-variable member is disposed around a gap formed in said building.

Claim 6 (Withdrawn): The control device according to claim 1 further comprising determining means for determining importance of said status information; wherein said control means deform the shape of said shape-variable member based on said importance.

Claim 7 (Withdrawn): The control device according to claim 6 further comprising status information storing means storing a list which associates said status information with said importance of the status information thereof.

Claim 8 (Withdrawn): The control device according to claim 1, wherein said shape-variable member changes in shape by being subjected to application of pressure under a predetermined condition; said control means comprising: preparing means for performing preparation, by giving a predetermined condition to said shape-variable member, to deform the shape thereof; pressure measurement means for measuring pressure applied to said shape-variable member by an actuator for applying pressure; and actuator control means for controlling said actuator which applies pressure to said shape-variable member depending on the pressure value to be measured by said pressure measurement means.

Claim 9 (Canceled).

Claim 10 (Withdrawn): The control device according to claim 1, wherein said shape-variable member makes transition to a shape-fixed state in which the shape thereof is not changed, and a shape-variable state in which the shape thereof can be changed.

Claims 11 and 12 (Canceled).

Claim 13 (Withdrawn): The control device according to claim 1 further comprising order storing means storing a list relating to the order for shutting off power supply to an electronic appliance connected to said electric socket; wherein said control means shut off power supply to said electric socket connected with said electronic appliance in the order in accordance with said list, thereby physically changing said configuration.

Claim 14 (Withdrawn): The control device according to claim 12 further comprising correlation acquiring means for acquiring the correlation between said electric socket and the electronic apparatus connected to said electric socket; wherein said correlation acquiring means acquire said correlation in the event of said acquiring means acquiring said status information; and wherein said control means shut off power supply to an electric socket connected with said electronic apparatus based on said correlation, thereby physically changing said configuration.

Claim 15 (Canceled).

Claim 16 (Withdrawn): The control device according to claim 14, the plug of said electronic apparatus connected to said electric socket comprising: storing means storing identification information which identifies said electronic apparatus; and an antenna for transmitting said identification information stored in said storing means using airwaves; wherein said correlation acquiring means recognize said electronic apparatus based on said identification information transmitted by said antenna.

Claim 17 (Withdrawn): The control device according to claim 14, wherein said correlation acquiring means recognize said electronic apparatus connected to said electric socket using a wireless tag.

Claim 18 (Withdrawn): The control device according to claim 14, wherein the plug of said electronic apparatus connected to said electric socket transmits identification information which identifies said electronic apparatus using airwaves; and wherein said correlation acquiring means receive said identification information using said airwaves through an antenna having directivity, and recognize said electronic apparatus from the identification information thereof.

Claim 19 (Withdrawn): The control device according to claim 14, wherein said correlation acquiring means recognize the position of said plug by receiving the airwaves transmitted from the plug of said electronic apparatus connected to said electric socket through an antenna having directivity, and recognize said correlation based on the position of the plug thereof.

Claim 20 (Withdrawn): The control device according to claim 1 further comprising determining means for determining importance of said status information acquired by said acquiring means; wherein said control means control power supply to said electronic apparatus connected to said electric socket based on said importance, thereby physically changing said configuration.

Claim 21 (Withdrawn): The control device according to claim 20 further comprising status information storing means storing a list which associates said status information with

said importance of the status information thereof.

Claim 22 (Withdrawn): The control device according to claim 1 further comprising: image display means for displaying an image; and function control means for changing the function of said image display means; wherein said function control means control the function of said image display means depending on the change of said configuration.

Claim 23 (Withdrawn): The control device according to claim 22, wherein said image display means are made up of a windowpane, and wherein said function control means change the transparency of said windowpane.

Claim 24 (Canceled).

Claim 25 (Withdrawn): The control device according to claim 1 further comprising image display means for displaying an image; wherein said image display means are made up of a wall; and wherein said control means visually change said configuration by displaying said image on said image display means based on said status information.

Claim 26 (Currently Amended): A control method of a control device for controlling components of a building including the steps of:

changing a configuration of at least one component of components making up said building; [[and]]

acquiring status information; and

determining an importance of said status information acquired during said acquiring step.

wherein, based on said importance of said status information acquired during the acquiring step, processing in said changing step physically deforms a shape of a shape-variable member disposed in said building[[,]] or controls power supply to an electric socket disposed in said building to physically change said configuration.

Claims 27 and 28 (Canceled).

Claim 29 (Currently Amended): A building, comprising:  
control means for changing a configuration of at least one component of components making up said building; [[and]]  
acquiring means for acquiring status information; and  
determining means for determining an importance of said status information acquired by said acquiring means, wherein,  
based on said importance of said status information acquired by said acquiring means, said control means physically deforms a shape of a shape-variable member disposed in said building[[,]] or ~~control~~ controls power supply to an electric socket disposed in said building to physically change said configuration.

Claim 30 (Previously Presented): The control device according to claim 1, wherein, based on said status information acquired by said acquiring means, said control means displays images on an inner portion of said building to visually change said configuration.

Claim 31 (Previously Presented): The control method according to claim 26, wherein, based on said status information acquired during the acquiring step, processing in said

changing step displays images on an inner portion of said building to visually change said configuration.

Claim 32 (Previously Presented): The building according to claim 29, wherein, based on said status information acquired by said acquiring means, said control means displays images on an inner portion of said building to visually change said configuration.

Claim 33 (Previously Presented): The building according to claim 29, wherein said status information includes information indicating at least one of a status of a person present in said component, illumination in said component, temperature in said component, volume in said component, information to be transmitted by broadcasting, and point-in-time.

Claim 34 (Previously Presented): The building according to claim 29, further comprising status information storing means for storing a list relating to said status information.